# To the Democratic Voters of Richmond

The executive officers of the Bryan-Kern-Lamb Club of Richmond desire to present a word of exhortation and appeal to the Democratic voters of the city with respect to the election which takes place to-morrow. This club, with a membership of nearly 4,000, embracing every element of our social life and every phase of thought in the party, has by its energy and entrustage for the cause has by its energy and entnusiasm for the cause earned a right to speak a word of counsel to Democrats, whether within or without its mem-

A FULL DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

The members of the club afe earnestly exhorted to vote early, and tach one is likewise triged to secure, if possible, the presence of some neighbor or acquaintance at the polls. Devote at least a part of to-morrow to the work of bringing out the tull Democratic vote and maintaining the prestige and importance of Richmond in the councils of the dominant party in Virginia and in safeguarding the cause of good government in the city, State and nation. A FULL DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

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To those Democrats who may contemplate remaining away from the polls appeal is made to reconsider and not to adopt a course which, it is believed, cannot be sustained by sound considerations of public policy. Experience has shown that in all constitutional governments rule by parties is essential to their well-being.

A UNITED DEMOCRACY.

Patriotic and intelligent men lend their allegiance to that party which, in view of its fundamental principles and its record while in power, most commends itself to their sense of right. That some characteristic of a duly nominated candidate or phase of political sentiment may not be acceptable to the individual Democrat can afford no warrant for withholding his support. no warrant for withholding his support. Especially is this true when the principles and practices of the opposing party are admittedly bad and present no hope of reformation, except through the efforts of a militant and united Democracy.

REMEMBER REPUBLICAN RECORD.

Surely no Richmond Democrat, recalling the past record of the Republican party, and the wrong and outrage which that party has so often sought to inflict upon his city and section, can contemplate with complacency the suggestion that he lend a quasi-endorsement to that record by refusing his accustomed support to the nominees and principles of the Democratic party in this election. By so doing he contributes towards insuring the contindoing he contributes towards insuring the contin-ued rule of the Republican party and to deprive the country of the protection which can alone come

the country of the protection which can alone come from a well organized opposition. Such a course also lessens the influence of all such Democrats in the future councils of their party, and deprives the State of the benefit of their conservative judgmen. To those Democrats who are inclined to vote the Republican ticket we would present a word of respectful warning and the insistence that nothing in the political conditions of the country really justify such a course. We allude, of course, to men who still believes in Democratic principles, but who feels that the ultimate good of the party and the best interests of the South will be subserved by voting for the Republican nominees at this elecby voting for the Republican nominees at this ele-

OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS. e grounds most frequently heard in sub-

GOVERNMENTAL GUARANTEE OF BANKS. ist. "The demand of the Democratic platform for the enactment of a law to require national banks to contribute to a fund to guarantee the safety of deposits in all such banks is undemocratic and inherently wrong."

The Democratic party regards with zealous eye

any plan which involves intrusion into the individual rights or business enterprises of citizens. Such a power, while inherent in the government, should only be exercised when considerations of public policy and the promotion of the best interests of society as a whole demand such interference. When such conditions arise the Democratic party has not hesitated to exercise this power, both in the State and nation. Thus numerous in-stances might be cited of the application here re-

ferred to.
Virginia has in connection with her Agricultural Virginia has in connection with her agricultural Department a system for inspecting fertilizers. That some manufacturers will sell fertilizers which do not contain in proper proportions an the ingredients stamped upon the bag necessitates this law. To provide for these inspectors and to carry out this law, a fund is raised by taxing all manufacturers a certain coarga upon each ton of forout this law, a fund is raised by taxing all manufacturers a certain charge upon each ton of fertilizer offered for sale. Thus the honest and painstaking dealer is taxed to detect the dishonest or careless and to safeguard the farmer from imposition. It has never been suggested that this law was undemocratic or "inherently unjust."

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The State of Virginia provides for inspection and supervision of insurance companies to prevent lors to the patrons of such as may be insolvent or not conducted according to approved plans. To support this department, all insurance companies doing business in the State are taxed—the solvent and well conducted companies to safeguard the patrons of insolvent and badly conducted companies—and yet it is not suggested that this system is undemocratic or "inherently unjust."

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The city of Richmond maintains out of taxes collected from all the people a Fire Department to safeguard buildings owned by a certain class of her citizens, and yet that all those who own no buildings should be taxed to protect primarily those who do is not regarded as undemocratic or

"inherently unjust."

The city and State maintain a system of free schools to educate children, and for this purpose the property of citizens having no children, or whose children attend private schools, is taxed to educate the children of those who are too poor or too lazy to make such provision. 'the idea once prevalent among a certain class that this system was undemocratic and "inherently unjust" has long since disappeared.

The Federal government, from taxes collected in all sections and from all the people, expends annually millions of dollars to accommodate connecte in and out the few harbors an our seaboard or to protect by levees the lowlands of citizens ting along the Missi..sippi, and yet the system is at regarded as undemocratic or "inherently under".

Instances without number in the political life of the city, State and nation might be cited to illustrate and justify the runciple contended for. Experience has demonstrated that causeless runs

upon banks in times of financial uneasiness have occasioned widespread disasters. This action on the part of frightened depositors, so destructive of the country's interests, has always resulted from a fear that their deposits were not safe. It is to remove any ground for this fear and thus safeguard the interests of all the people that this remedial legislation is proposed. 

That the idea cannot be regarded as ultra-radical may be assured by the fact that a Pepublican committee in the last Congress reported favorably the Forder will and the Richmond Chamber of Congress reported favorably the

Fowler bill, and the Richmond Chamber of Com-merce and many other like bodies indorsed the measure. This bill contained a provision for the guarantee of bank deposits which, while not ex-actly that of the platform, was analogous in prin-

It is helloyed that the small tax imposed upor national banks to create the guarantee fund will be more than offset by the profits derived from their large increase in deposits, while the country as a whole will enjoy the benefits resulting from a sense of increased financial security. Such a thing as a run by depositors upon a bank would be

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What remedial legislation do the Republicans propose to meet the dangers of the present conditions? Their platform declares for the establishment of "a postal savings bank system." No word of argument is necessary to show to Democrats objecting to the remedy offered by the Democratic platform that the one thus proposed by the Republicans is far more obnoxious. It is admittedly undemocratic and socialistic. It creates tens of thousands of new officers, withdraws from present banks, State and national, the savings of depositors and places the immense aggregate under the control of Republican officials at Washington. The new power and patronage thus accorded them would be used to build up their favoritie banks in certain favored centres, to the detriment of the small banks and the small trade centres. It would open up fresh opportunities for favoritism and corruption only equaled by that of the protective tariff. The Republicans have deprived State banks of the right to issue notes, and they now propose, by this unjustifiable course of the government, to deprive them of the ability to retain the savings of their present depositors. them of the ability to retain the savings of their present depositors.

The Republican plan would undoubtedly prevent

runs by depositors on banks, State and national. This result, however, would be accomplished by depriving these banks of their present patronage. THE RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL.

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A brief investigation will suffice to show the groundless character of this objection.

Experience developed that certain Federal judges

had fallen into the habit of issuing injunctions in cases of dispute arising between employes and their employers. Frequently complaint would be made to the judge that such orders had been violated and assaults made upon persons and properly. Thereupon the party or parties accused of the offense would be summoned before the judge, and by a summary proceeding the party so accused

would be discharged or fined and imprisoned. In most cases the alleged offenses constituted crimes under the penal statutes of the country. And yet by the device above indicated citizens were charged with criminal offenses, their guilt determined and punishment inflicted without being accorded the right to a trial by jury, which is the constitutional birthright of every English and American freeman. This anomalous condition of affairs induced the United States Senate in 1896 to take under consideration the subject with a view of adopting, if necessary, some statute protecting citizens charged necessary, some statute protecting citizens charged with indirect contempt of the Federal courts—that is, of violating injunction orders beyond the presence of the court which issued them.

The result of this investigation was the passage The result of this investigation was the passage by the Senate of a bill according to citizens charged with indirect contempt the right to a trial by jury upon the question of their guilt or innocence. This bill was passed by practically a unanimous vote, Senator Platt, of Connecticut, being the only Senator heard in opposition. Senators Hill, of New York; George, of Mississippi, and Vilas, of Wiscontents sin, were among the Democrats w.o bore a lead-ing part in the discussion. Senators Sherman, Al-lison, Hale, Hawley and other Republican leaders

were present, and interposed no objection.

It is this bill, which had its origin years before
the question assumed a partisan character, that
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the Democrats ask in their platform shall be en-acted into law.

Four years ago the platform of the party made demand for like legislation. Conservative Demo-crats who supported Judge Parker never suspected that, under the leadership of a jurist who had for years presided over the highest court of the great-

years presided over the highest court of the great-est State in this republic, they were making an assault upon the integrity of the judiciary.

The demand is so reasonable that the remedial legislation suggested should commend itself to thoughtful men—certainly to Democrats ever jeal-ous for the constitutional rights of citizens.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF SOUTH.

3d. "Virginia and the South will receive greater recognition in the Federal government if her people will vote the Republican ticket."

It would be difficult to fashion an appeal more at variance with the facts of the past or the probabilities of the future. It is admitted that since the war the only recognition which the people of the South have received at the hands of the Federal government was during the twelve years when the Democrates controlled the lower House of Congress and a Democratic President sat in the Whits gress and a Democratic President sat in the White House.
Carlisle, of Kentucky, and Crisp, of Georgia, were

made Speakers of Congress. Mills, of Texas, and Wilson, of West Virginia, were made chairmen of the Ways and Means Committee; Tucker, of Virginia, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and other Southern men selected to positions of almost equal influence in Congress.

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Under President Cleveland, Lamar, Garland,
Bayard, Wilson, Herbert, Hoke Smith and Francis
were called to the Cabinet. White and Lamar were were called to the Cabinet. White and Lamar were placed upon the Supreme Court. Ambassadora, ministers and consuls without number were selected from the South. In every conceivable way the people of this great section were accorded their rights under the law and their due proportion of influence in shaping the country's destiny.

crais may expect recognition at the hands of the government under a Republican administration is as fatuous as it is unworthy.

The Democratic party has emancipated the voters of Virginia from the political thraidom in which they were placed by what Mr. Adams justly termed the "crime" of the Republican party.

Republicans may vote for their party because they believe in its principles. Democrats would occupy a strange position by celebrating their emancipation by voting for a party whose principles they abhor and whose record with respect to their State and section is, as declared by Mr. Adams, "one of crime worse than folly."

For the present fortuitous conditions in Virginia the Democratic party alone deserves the gratitude of the people. There is no menace to these conditions except from the threat contained in the Republican platform. We are assured that it is an "idle threat." If so, it was an act of inexcusable folly. If honestly made, it constitutes a new menace, and banishes from the hearts of our people the hone that after form years of presention.

menace, and banishes from the hearts of our people the hope that, after forty years of persecution by this sectional party, we were at last to be relieved from its assaults.

Only a majority on the Supreme Court stands between the people of Virginia and the program of the Republican party as declared in their platform for reopening the whole vexations question of negro suffrage. Four judges will certainly be appointed by the next President, and upon the character and constitutional bias of these new appointees the stability of our present Constitution may depend.

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Democrats and all well-wishers for Virginia's peace should strive for the election of a Demo-cratic President, in whose hands this power of appointment is confided.

We have at some length sought to meet the objections most frequently urged by disgruntled Democrats to the present platform and candidate of their party and the ground upon which they would

their party and the ground upon which they would support the Republican nominees.

We leave the great question to them for decision—only urging that the far-reaching consequences to our city, State and nation which may result from a disintegration of the Democratiq party shall be placed in opposition to any suggestion of temporary advantage likely to accrue from Republican success.

DEMOCRATIC REFORM NEEDED.

The fundamental fact in this election, and the one with which thoughtful men everywhere should take earnest reckoning, is the widespread discontent among milions of people throughout this country. Their poverty and their attitude of mind is in large measure the result of the policies of the Republican party. The success of this party at the election to-morrow will but intensify these conditions and render thousands of people more ripe for radicalism and violence. Debs, Hearst, Watson and every other apostle of confusion and folly desire the election of Judge Taft. Democratic success would bring some measure of reform. Republican success will but intensify the existing deplorable and peace-destroying conditions and render these agitators all the more powerful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HARWOOD,

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